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Vance

William King Esq. Governor of the State of Maine
 Sir Permit me to address a few lines to you on a subject
 which I should address you on ^{the winter of 1820} but from your ill state of health & the absence of Messrs
 Messrs of the secretary of state what order the Governor
 and Council had taken relating to the old Magistrates whose
 Commissions had not expired and had some time ago
 know whether they would be renewed or whether the
 Magistrate must be qualified anew and by his friend
 the Secretary told me that the Governor and Council had
 until that point that no new Commissions would be given
 till the old ones had expired - I then thought it improper
 to trouble you Sir on the subject - but since I have returned
 home I am informed that Mr. Vase has brought on Commissions
 of the Vice for members and that new Commissions have
 been given to some of the old Magistrates and Commissions of
 the Crown given to those whose only merit we know together
 known to our own government and their friendship for the
 English however these are the men I should think that
 Mr. Vase and Mr. Surgen would first recommend

Sir General John Malcolm of Kalis your Sir
 been a steady and correct Magistrate almost 14 years and that
 he has been qualified and paid his fine Dollars on his old
 Commissions yet it is not so long ago that I forgot that the
 Commissions of some of these that would not be qualified on
 the old Commissions and pay as they ought. It would be gratifying
 to General Malcolm and his friend if your Excellency
 would be pleased to send General Malcolm a Commission
 of the Crown (as he is a Justice of the Peace) and to send one
 more than to your Excellency's next absence and
 Humble servant - J. J. Will